

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1996-73-C - ORDER NO. 2007-573
AUGUST 23, 2007

IN RE: Application of AT&T Communications of the)	ORDER GRANTING
Southern States, LLC for an Amendment to Its)	REQUEST FOR
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	CONFIDENTIAL
Necessity to Authorize the Company to Offer)	TREATMENT
and Provide Telecommunications Services)	
Including Local Exchange Service in South)	
Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC (AT&T or the Company) for confidential treatment of the Company's Second Quarter Service Quality Report for 2007. AT&T represents that the filing contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information.

The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") allows exemption from disclosure proprietary business information that meets a definition of "trade secrets." S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(1) states that matters which may be exempt from FOIA include: "(1) Trade secrets, which are defined as unpatented, secret, commercially valuable plans, appliances, formulas, or processes....Trade secrets also include, for those public bodies who market services or products in competition with others, feasibility, planning, and marketing studies, and evaluations and other materials which contain references to potential customers, competitive information or evaluation."

Since the Report contains proprietary and competitively sensitive information concerning various parameters measured by the Company, we find that this information meets the definition of “trade secrets” as defined under FOIA. We, therefore, grant the request for confidential treatment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC for confidential treatment is granted. Accordingly, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC’s Second Quarter Service Quality Report for 2007 shall be maintained under seal and withheld from public disclosure.

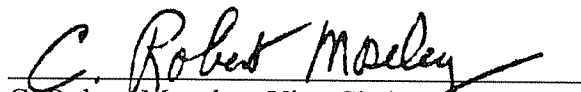
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O’Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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